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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

30-day Notice of Intent to Seek Extension of Approval: System Diagram Maps

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension for the collection of system diagram maps, which is further described below. The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the Federal Register. 81 Fed. Reg. 26,304 (May 2, 2016). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

DATE: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by November 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board: System Diagram Maps.” These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chandana L. Achanta, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV; by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503. Please also

direct comments to Chris Oehrle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, or to *PRA@stb.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: For further information regarding this collection, contact Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333 or at *pedro.ramirez@stb.gov*.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are requested concerning: (1) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board's request for OMB approval.

DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

Title: System Diagram Maps (or, in the case of Class III carriers, an alternative narrative description of their rail systems)

OMB Control Number: 2140-0003

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Extension without change

Respondents: Common carrier freight railroads that are either new or reporting changes

in the status of one or more of their rail lines

Number of Respondents: One

Estimated Time Per Response: 7.1 hours, based on average time reported in informal survey of respondents (less than 10).

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Total Annual Burden Hours: 7.1 hours

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

Needs and Uses: Under 49 CFR 1152.10-1152.13, all railroads subject to the Board’s jurisdiction are required to keep current system diagram maps on file, or alternatively, in the case of a Class III carrier (a carrier with assets of not more than \$38,060,384 in 2014 dollars), to submit the same information in narrative form. The information sought in this collection identifies lines in a particular railroad’s system, categorized to indicate the likelihood that service on a particular line will be abandoned and/or whether service on a line is currently provided under the financial assistance provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904. Carriers are obligated to amend these maps as the need to change the category of any particular line arises.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the

agency, third parties, or the public. Under section 3507(b) of the PRA, federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: October 6, 2016.

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Clearance Clerk

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